



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

April 26, 2018
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2018

V. Approval of Agenda: April 26, 2018

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.

Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. Council Subcommittee on Commissions

Background: On April 3, 2018, a Council Subcommittee on Commissions presented a report to City Council on considerations of changes to existing City Commissions. These considerations include additions to, merging/change of advisory scope, and retiring of, certain Commissions. No formal recommendations of changes have been taken to City Council yet. Councilmember Nuñez or Councilmember Phan may attend to advise Commissioners of the considerations and to welcome feedback via attendance at a future Subcommittee meeting, or an email to the Subcommittee members. For the SCC, it is currently considered that the sister city program and topics would go to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission. Please note that even after Council makes changes to any Commission, the business of Milpitas Sister City relationships will not immediately stop as there will be By-law updates, adoption of a new Commissioners Handbook, and Commissioner placement on commissions.

Recommendation: Receive updated report as available and discuss.

IX. Old Business

2. Possible Sister City Relationship with an Indian City

Background: Commissioner Awasthi leads this research and discussion regarding a city's interest in becoming a Milpitas Sister City. An application included in the agenda packet was received for Northern Chandigarh from a Milpitas resident.

Recommendation: Receive update from Commissioner Awasthi.

3. ePal Project with Sister Cities

Background: The Project continues with matching students from Huizhou.

Recommendation: Review updates as available.

4. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

5. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. A lead commissioner is needed for this sister city relationship.

Recommendation: Determine a lead commissioner. Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

6. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this relationship.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. Future Agenda Items

Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China

Possible New Business: as noted by SCC

X. Adjournment

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